

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING ARTHUR J. FILKINS,
JR., 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MARKWAYNE MULLIN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Mr. MULLIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my constituent, Mr. Arthur J. Filkins, Jr., who will celebrate his 90th birthday on April 10th, 2014.

Larry Filkins is a World War II veteran, and I cannot thank him enough for his strength of character, his service to our country, and his patriotism.

He was a combat medic with the 3rd Armored Division, First Army. He landed on Omaha Beach three weeks after D-Day, endured the bitter cold of the Battle of the Bulge, and pressed on to Germany.

At age 18, Mr. Filkins was an Army private. At war's end, he came home, age 21 and a Sergeant. He is an example to those who will follow in his footsteps, and it is a privilege to be a part of thanking him and acknowledging him. He is the kind of person who makes Oklahoma great. I am fortunate to be able to represent him, and I wish him all the best on his 90th birthday.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues join me in celebrating Mr. Arthur J. Filkins, Jr.'s 90th birthday, and the many years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, on March 24, 2014, I was absent from the House and missed rollcall Vote 136 and rollcall Vote 137.

Had I been present for rollcall Vote 136, on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3060, I would have voted "yes."

Had I been present for rollcall Vote 137, on the motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, H.R. 1813, I would have voted "yes."

HELEN A. RIZZO'S 100TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Helen A. Rizzo of Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania who is turning 100 years old on March 21, 2014.

Mrs. Rizzo was born in Norristown, Pennsylvania on March 21, 1914. She worked as a seamstress and married Daniel G. Rizzo. Mrs. Rizzo has two children, Carmen and Marian,

as well as five grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, as she turns 100, I wish Helen Rizzo a happy and health birthday.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARIN SANITARY SERVICE AND CENTRAL MARIN SANITATION AGENCY

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Marin Sanitary Service and Central Marin Sanitation Agency in celebration of the ribbon cutting held on March 18, 2014, for their Food-to-Energy (F2E) program, a public-private partnership designed to cut fossil fuel use and landfill waste by converting leftover kitchen scraps into a renewable energy source. Marin Sanitary Service, an innovative waste disposal company that plays an integral role in achieving Marin County's exceptional 75 percent diversion rate and its zero waste by 2025 goal, will turn food scraps from restaurants, caterers, and supermarkets into renewable energy at Central Marin Sanitation Agency's wastewater treatment plant.

Central Marin Sanitation Agency, a public agency, and Marin Sanitary Service, a family-owned local business, developed this cutting edge program to divert food scraps from the landfill and use it to generate energy. The F2E program and this public-private partnership is a first for Marin County and one of only two programs of its kind in California.

Mr. Speaker, the Food-to-Energy program represents an important and exciting step in the right direction for the environment and people of California. Public-private partnerships such as this serve as an innovative example for other communities to follow in an effort to reduce our impact on the environment. It is therefore appropriate that we celebrate the beginning of this pilot program.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF BAYLOR MEDICAL CENTER AT GARLAND

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Baylor Medical Center at Garland as they celebrate fifty years of success.

Over the past fifty years, their commitment to provide high quality health care to their community has remained steadfast. Since its founding as Memorial Hospital of Garland in 1964, Baylor Medical Center at Garland has grown from a 100-bed hospital to a 240-bed hospital, expanded its campus to four Medical Plaza's, and opened the Don and Ruth

Buchholz Pavilion. I want to commend Baylor Garland for being nationally recognized, including ranked as a Top Metro Hospital in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metro Area by the U.S. News & World Report and receiving the Heart Failure Gold Achievement Award from the American Heart Association. Their integrity and care are evident through the personalized and excellent health care they provide which recognizes and fulfills the needs of all patients. I am deeply grateful for Baylor Garland and the positive impact they have on their community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in expressing our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Baylor Medical Center at Garland for another fifty years of continued success.

STEPHANIE JALLEN, 2014 U.S.
WINTER PARALYMPICS TEAM

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Stephanie Jallen of Harding, Pennsylvania who represented the United States in the women's alpine skiing competition in the 2014 Winter Paralympics in Sochi, Russia.

Stephanie is one of about 60 people worldwide born with a rare condition called Congenital Hemidysplasia Ichthyosis Limb Defect (CHILD) syndrome that leaves the left side of the body underdeveloped. At the age of nine, she attended the Camelback Adaptive Ski Camp in Tannersville, Pennsylvania and fell in love with the sport. Despite her instructor's attempts to put her in a bi-ski, Stephanie insisted on learning to ski standing up. She continued to work with the Pennsylvania Center for Adapted Sports and quickly became an accomplished skier.

Stephanie has received many accolades for her achievements in alpine skiing. In 2011, she was named to the U.S. Paralympics Alpine National Team at the age of 15. Since then, she has taken home numerous first, second and third place medals in contests ranging from national championships to world cups. During the 2014 Winter Paralympics, she won two bronze medals, one in the Women's Super Combined (standing), and one in the Women's Super-G (standing).

Despite her intense training schedule, Stephanie remains a true scholar athlete. She is currently a senior at Wyoming Area Secondary Center. After graduating this year, she will attend Kings College in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, Stephanie Jallen has demonstrated tremendous grit and determination in pursuing her Paralympic dreams. Therefore, I commend her for her hard work and achievements as part of the United States Paralympic alpine skiing team, and I wish her the best in her future endeavors.

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